

and, in a sense, "poor" availability, would, if allowed to supplant *affinis* Leach, cause only unnecessary confusion in nomenclature and would impair stability.

9. The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature is therefore asked:

- (1) to use its plenary powers to suppress the specific name *atomaria*, Illiger, 1807, as published in the binomen *Sigara atomaria*, for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy;
- (2) to place the specific name *affinis* Leach, 1817, as published in the binomen *Corixa affinis* Leach, 1817, on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology;
- (3) to place the specific name *atomaria* Illiger, 1807, as published in the binomen *Sigara atomaria* (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

The generic name *Corixa* Geoffroy, 1762, has already been placed on the Official List in Opinion 281 (*Ops. Decls. int. Comm. zool. Nomencl.* 6, 1954: 205-224).

#### COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED SUPPRESSION OF EIGHT SPECIFIC NAMES OF TURTLES. Z.N.(S.) 1459

(see volume 18, pages 211-213)

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The proposal is in every specific respect in accord with the objective of nomenclatural stability embraced by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature. It may be pointed out that every name that would otherwise be replaced is in wide use in zoology and not in taxonomy alone. Furthermore, failure of suppression of *viridi-squamosa* Lacépède, 1788, and *minor* Suckow, 1798, would not only require a substitute for *kempii* Garman, 1880, but that substitute would become the specific name for the Ridley turtle, long known as *olivacea* Eschscholtz, 1829, if as is common practice all forms of *Lepidochelys* are regarded as belonging to a single species.

#### COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED VALIDATION OF *PANOPEA* MÉNARD DE LA GROYE, 1807. Z.N.(S.) 1049

(see volume 18, pages 184-188)

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I support the application by Dr. H. E. Vokes and Dr. L. R. Cox for the use of the plenary powers to place *Panopea* Ménard de la Groye, *Cyrtodaria* Reuss, *Glycymeris* Da Costa, *Pectunculus* Da Costa and *Axinaea* Poli on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology and for the consequent placing of specific, generic and family names on appropriate Official Lists.

Both the name *Panopea* and *Glycymeris* are in common use by New Zealand workers in the sense used in the above application. Revival of the name *Glycymeris* Lamarck would cause untold confusion and should be avoided.